

31 Market Square

Providence, Oct 5. 1878.

Geo E. Davenport Esq -

Dear Sir; You are very welcome to the singular (or should I say plural?) *Botrychium* I sent. It should, however, be credited to my excellent friend Mr James L. Bennett who first found it, although I was in his company. I have another with two fertile fronds. Mr George Hunt, an indefatigable collector for forty years, has brought me a nice suite of *Botrychium* - all one species, from the Adirondacks. I am not sure of the species - and would like to send them to you for identification. They are curiously variable. Mr Hunt has made the addition of *Struthopteria Germanica* to our flora this year from Smithfield. It was not in fruit. Mr Bennett who is engaged upon a

careful list of the plants of Rhode
Island, has kindly given me the
enclosed in answer to your request.

He and myself have been at work
all summer on the herbarium of the
late S. Y. Gray - temporarily stored at
Brown University pending litigation
in regard to the will. He died August
Twenty, was he so when his codicil
was made creating Dr Gray and
Mr Canby trustees. Science is much
interested in the answer.

I am doubtful about Adiantum
curvestrum being established at Valley
Halls - although there is testimony to
that effect. and I have seen the
plant - and so has Bennett.

I shall welcome your proposed book
as a positive addition to our working
manuals.

Truly yours.

W. W. Bailey